



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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June 12, 2006

NOTICE OF DECISION

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT NUMBER NEV0088012

Project Name: **Wind Mountain Mine**

Permittee Name: Kinross Gold USA, Inc.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to issue Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0088012 for the Wind Mountain Mine. The facility is located in Washoe County, approximately 75 miles north-northwest of Reno, Nevada and 12 miles south of Gerlach, Nevada. The mine lies on the northwest flank of the Lake Range, at the northeast edge of the San Emidio Desert, within Sections 27, 28, 33 and 34 of Township 30 North, Range 23 East, and Sections 3 and 4 of Township 29 North, Range 23 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian.

This permit authorizes Kinross Gold USA Inc. to close the facility. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with NAC 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that waters of the State will not be degraded from closure and that public safety and health will be protected. **No comments were received during the public review period.**

This permit will become effective June 27, 2006. The final determination of the administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.407. The appeal must be requested within fifteen (15) days of notification of this decision and in accordance with Administrative rules of the Environmental Commission.

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